

7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
SIMMONS OF CONNECTICUT, OR HIS DESIGNEE,
DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5122, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. SIMMONS OF CONNECTICUT**

At the end of title X (page 393, after line 23), insert
the following new section:

1 SEC. 10 ____ . AUTHORIZATION TO EXPIRE CLEARANCES RE-
2 VOKED.

3 (a) PROHIBITION ON EXPIRED CLEARANCES.—No
4 security clearance granted by the Department of Defense
5 that has been requested to be renewed, based on a require-
6 ment for periodic reinvestigation, shall be permitted to ex-
7 pire until the Secretary of Defense certifies to the congres-
8 sional defense committees and the Committee on Home-
9 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and
10 the Committee on Government Reform of the House of
11 Representatives that—

12 (1) the Defense Security Service has continued
13 to accept industry requests for new personnel secu-
14 rity clearances and periodic reinvestigations; and

15 (2) the Defense Security Service has fully fund-
16 ed its requirement for fiscal year 2007 security
17 clearances and taken steps to eliminate its backlog
18 of requests for security clearance and periodic inves-
19 tigations by September 20, 2008.



1 (b) EXCEPTION TO PROHIBITION.—The prohibition
2 in subsection (a) shall not apply if the Secretary of De-
3 fense determines that sufficient cause exists to revoke a
4 security clearance, that has been requested to be renewed,
5 based on other requirements of law or Department of De-
6 fense policy or regulations.

7 (c) DURATION OF PROHIBITION.—The prohibition on
8 expired clearances authorized by this section expires on
9 September 30, 2008.

10 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
11 tion alters the process in effect as of the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act for security clearances and periodic inves-
13 tigations.

14 (e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “backlog”
15 means the body of industry requests for new personnel se-
16 curity clearances and periodic reinvestigations that have
17 not yet been completed or that have not yet been opened
18 for investigation.

19 (f) REPORTS.—The Secretary of Defense shall sub-
20 mit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate
21 and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of
22 Representatives a report detailing the actions required by
23 subsection (a)(2) no later than September 30, 2007. A
24 final report shall be submitted no later than September
25 30, 2008.

